

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 North Main Suite 200 Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brad Berkemeier, Elton Marzon, Mike Daubenspeck, and Aaron Gurley answered roll call.

PUBLIC HEARING – Covid-19 Small Business Grant – Tara Hagan said this public hearing was to give citizens a chance to voice their views on the Covid-19 Small Business Grant. The grant awarded a total of \$250,000.00 to 14 small businesses. The purpose of the funding was to retain jobs for persons of low to moderate income in Rush County. Hagan asked for comments from the public. There were no comments. Bridges moved to close the public hearing. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Berkemeier moved to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2020 meeting as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported that the Court of Appeals as it related to Gerald McCormick and Christopher Thayer vs. City of Rushville Board of Zoning Appeals ruled in favor of the City of Rushville. Thanks to Carmen Clark and the Board. This heads us in a direction that is beneficial down the road

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Clerk-Treasurer Copley reported that she had the exit conference with the State Board of Accounts for 2019 audit today. This did include a federal audit. Copley stated that it was a very good audit with no comments.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Council President Berkemeier said he attended the exit conference with the SBOA and stated that Copley does a good job for the City but it is good to hear those types of comments from people auditing the books. He said "KUDOS" goes out to her. Copley said thank you, but noted that she has 2 employees that also worked to achieve a good report.

Berkemeier thanked the new members of Council for attending and giving their input at the budget workshop last week.

He said he was able to do a walkthrough of the water treatment plant. He said it was very educational and wants to keep communication open with the City Utilities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – Pavey said we will continue to move forward until winter. The close out will not actually happen until April due to the water features.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Pavey noted that Libations by the Levee is up in the air. He said this is not a City event, but the City does help out. They are discussing with the Health Department to decide if this will move forward or if it will be cancelled.
- **APC/BZA** – Nothing.
- **Housing** – Pavey said the Board of Works awarded the housing bid to R L Coon Excavating. There were 2 bids with a difference in bids of .2%. Therefore HWC sent the 2 bidders a list of 3 questions in order to help with the selection. The Board of Works decided Coon was the lowest and most responsive bid.
- **ECDC** – Nothing.
- **Cherry Street** – The rulings are coming back in. Pavey will report when everything is in.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mayor Pavey said today turned out to be a very somber day due to a fatal accident involving 2 teenagers. He thanked the fire rescue and police for their assistance. He said this certainly makes a person appreciate their kids.

Fire – Chief Munson said the tower truck is being serviced.

Park – Director Burklow reported that the Board of Works gave him permission to hire David Griggs full time.

Police – Chief Tucker said they are taking proactive measures regarding police interactions. They have a new focus on training and de-escalation.

Tucker said the K-9 golf outing will be September 27.

Tucker also handed out the statics report for August.

Animal – Director Hanna said the Board agreed to hire Christy Cleland for 15-20 hours per week.

Street – Commissioner Miller reported that Johnny Wood submitted his letter of resignation. He will retire October 23rd with his last work day being October 1st.

The Board of Works approved for Miller to advertise for part-time help.

Heavy trash pickup will be the last 3 days of September. Heavy Trash will be picked up on the regular trash day schedule.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: Berkemeier asked Jenkins if he would provide an updated complaint report from Comcate. Jenkins said he would but we also need to do a better job of informing the public to use the system.

Mayor Pavey said he spoke to some of the citizens that live south of the river and they voiced concerns regarding the width of the streets. He said they are not the standard. This causes an issue with delivery trucks. He wants to have conversation with these residents to discuss the options. Berkemeier offered to join in the discussions. Pavey said it is coming mainly from Fields Addition.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Rushville Property Revitalization Program** – Brian Sheehan has been having conversations with at least 3 people regarding the former Big O Tire. Sheehan has set up appointments so Pavey hopes to have more information after they meet.
2. **Diversity and Inclusion Council-**
 - a. **Booker T Washington Meeting** – Unity in Diversity – Mayor Pavey, Brian Sheehan and Councilman Marzon have met with this group. They have had good conversations.
 - b. **Labyrinth Dedication Date:** Burklow will have a date for the dedication at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution 2020-37 Adding Monies Back to Appropriations** – Berkemeier moved to approve Resolution 2020-37. Marzon seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Resolution 2020-38 Covid Reimbursement Accounts and Related Policies** – Berkemeier moved to approve Resolution 2020-37. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Resolution 2020- Transferring Funds to MVH Restricted (CCMG)** – This is currently just a conversation regarding moving CCMG match money to keep from losing track of the funding. Not sure we can do this.

4. **Budget Update** – Our budget workshop with Council went well. We are following up with Baker Tilly to make adjustments based on that meeting. If Council wants adjustments be sure to get those to the Mayor.
5. **Utility Update** – Les Day passed out a copy of the utility budget for review. The Utility Board has approved the 2021 budget. Council will be asked to pass at our next meeting.
6. **Declaration of Fiscal Body** – Rushville Public Library – Pavey introduced the new Librarian, Nicki Kirchoff. Kirkoff said there is a new law that requires signature by Council. Daubenspeck moved to approve the Declaration of the Fiscal Body. Marzon seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. **Heavy Trash Pick-up (Trailer Courts do not pay trash fee)** – Mayor Pavey, Les Day, and Chuck Jenkins met today. Rushview Mobile Home has asked that they be allowed to participate in the City Utility by individual lots. They are suggesting that the City pay for the meters and they will buy the equipment 10 at a time. The residents also want to know the possibility of getting trash service. Berkemeier said we are walking the line between what is commercial and what is not. Gurley made a motion to table for review. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COVID-19 –

1. Governor's Stage 4.5
Face Coverings – September 25
Public Health Emergency – October 2
Covid-19 Health Taskforce (Bi-Monthly)
Economic Recovery Taskforce (Bi-Monthly)

CLAIMS: Gurley moved to approve the claims and July 2020 bank reconciliation as presented. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Wendy's will open for breakfast this Thursday.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council Daubenspeck moved to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.